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## **Governor Brown Declares the Month of May California Small Business Month**

SACRAMENTO – Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. issued an official proclamation declaring the month of May as *California Small Business Month*.

“In these turbulent economic times, it is the small business owners who are leading the charge back to prosperity and job creation,” Brown said in his proclamation, “When we, along with all of our partners in local and national organizations, support private sector job creators, we enhance the human and capital infrastructure of California.”

Brown’s proclamation highlights the role of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GoED) in facilitating economic growth through collaboration with small businesses, promotion of technical assistance and procurement opportunities, partnerships with economic and workforce development agencies and facilitation of networking across the economy.

“It is important that the state turn the spotlight on the job creating potential of our small business owners and support their efforts to lead the recovery” said GoED Deputy Director and Small Business Advocate, Marty Keller. “Our continued goal is to increase the integration and effectiveness of technical support services that state government and non profits provide entrepreneurs and small business owners. Give them good information, connect them to thriving networks and small businesses will grow and hire.”

GoED will continue to work closely with small business owners in the weeks ahead by hosting a series of meetings in Sacramento between small business owners and government decision makers. These meetings are designed to bring elected officials together with small business owners, representing every sector and every region, to hear first-hand the challenges facing the small business community.

GoED’s partner, the California Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), will also be hosting a series of free small business resource events around the state.

GoED and the Small Business Advocate are responsible for representing the state’s 3.5 million small businesses to state government. California small businesses account for over 99 percent of the state’s firms and provide over 52 percent of all private sector jobs.

For the complete text of the proclamation visit: <http://tiny.cc/uqeqb> or [www.business.ca.gov](http://www.business.ca.gov).

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